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US Rosetta Project: NASA's Contribution to ESA's Comet Chaser

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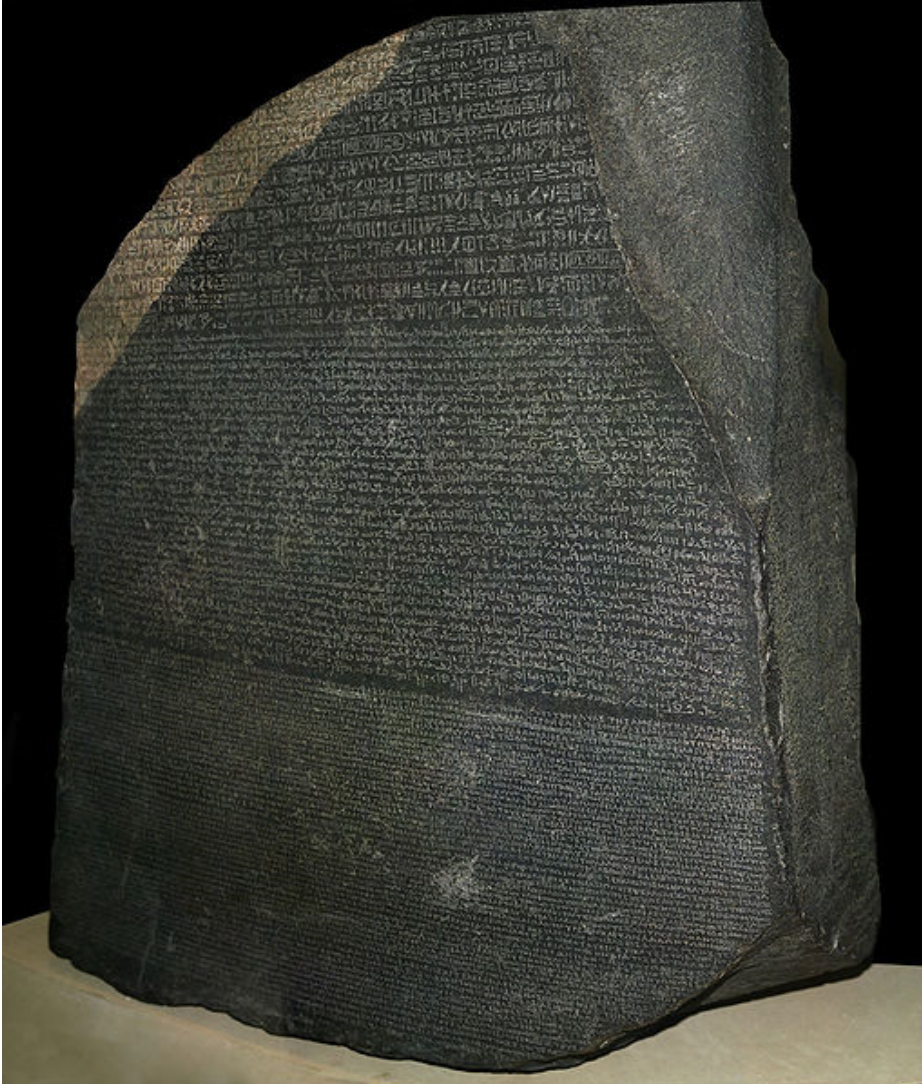
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Why is the Mission called Rosetta?



In 1799 a stone was found in the Egyptian city of Rosetta featuring writing in 3 languages from 196 BC. The text was written in hieroglyphs as well as ancient Greek. It took 23 years to translate the text.

Just like the Rosetta stone allowed us to understand Egyptian hieroglyphics the Rosetta spacecraft's visit to a comet will help us understand the origins of the solar system and the planet Earth.



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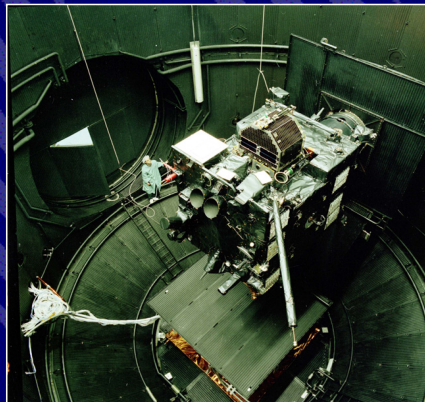
Why is NASA Interested in the Study of Comets?

- **Comets are preserved icy planetesimals, left over from the formation of the solar system**
 - They contain a chemical record of the conditions in the solar nebula at the time of the formation of the planets (what was its temperature?)
 - There is strong evidence that comets contain unprocessed material from the natal interstellar cloud out of which the Sun and planets formed
- **Comets maybe provided the volatile inventories of the terrestrial planets including pre-biotic molecules essential to the origin of life**
 - The Late Heavy Bombardment was most likely the result of the clearing of comets from the outer planets zone
 - This bombardment provided a volatile veneer on the terrestrial planets including water and complex organics
- **Long-period comets make up the more unpredictable fraction of the impact hazard at the Earth**
 - An understanding of cometary structure and material strengths can only be achieved through rendezvous and lander missions



The Rosetta Spacecraft

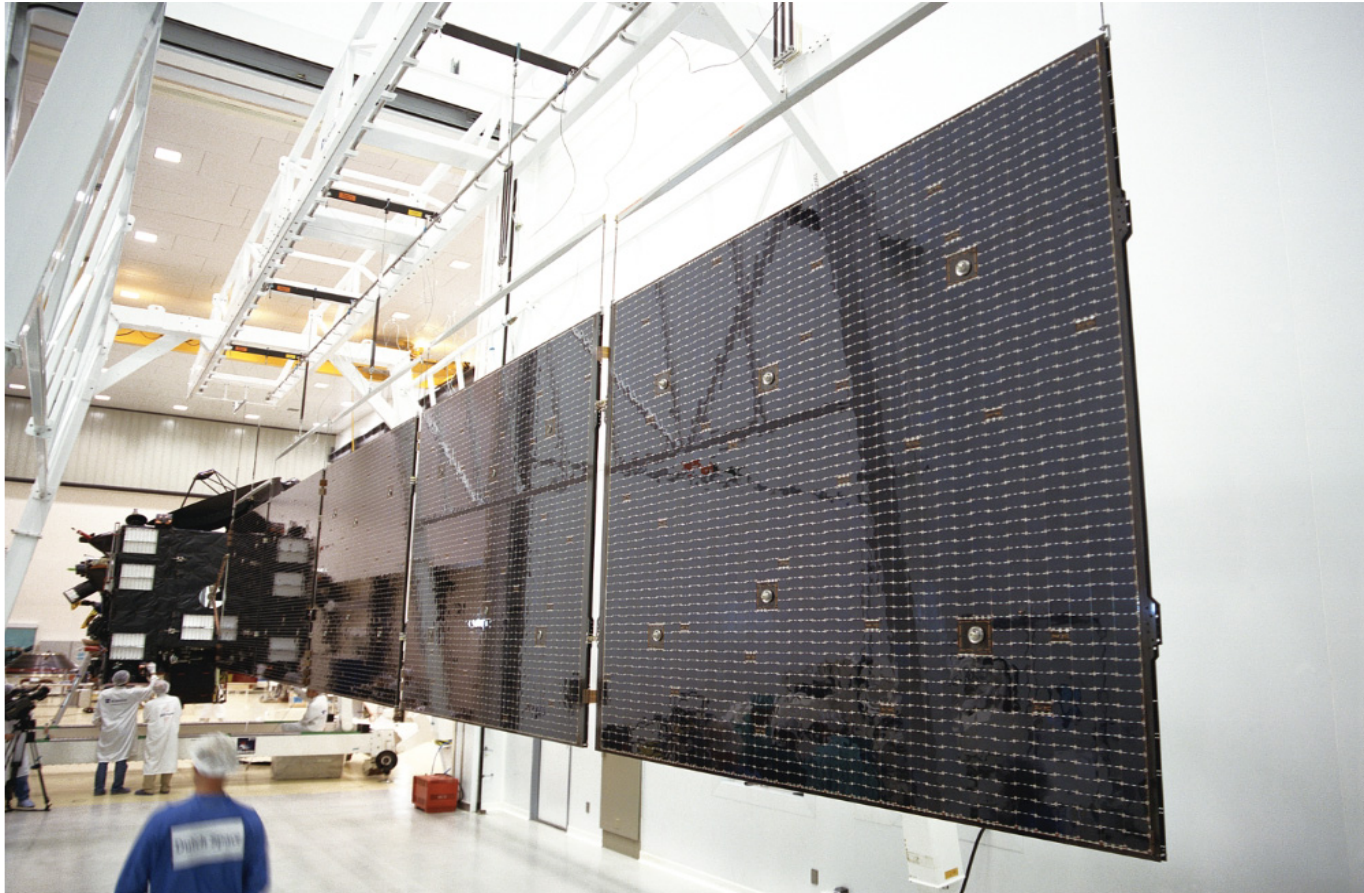
The Spacecraft, Vital statistics



Size:	
main structure	2.8x2.1x2.0 metres
diameter of solar arrays	32 metres
Launch mass - total:	3000 kg (approx.)
- propellant	1670 kg (approx.)
- science payload	165 kg
- Lander	100 kg
Solar array output	850 W at 3.4 AU, 395 W at 5.25 AU
Propulsion subsystem	24 bi-propellant 10N thrusters
Operational mission	12 years

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Rosetta is designed to operate on solar power farther than any other spacecraft



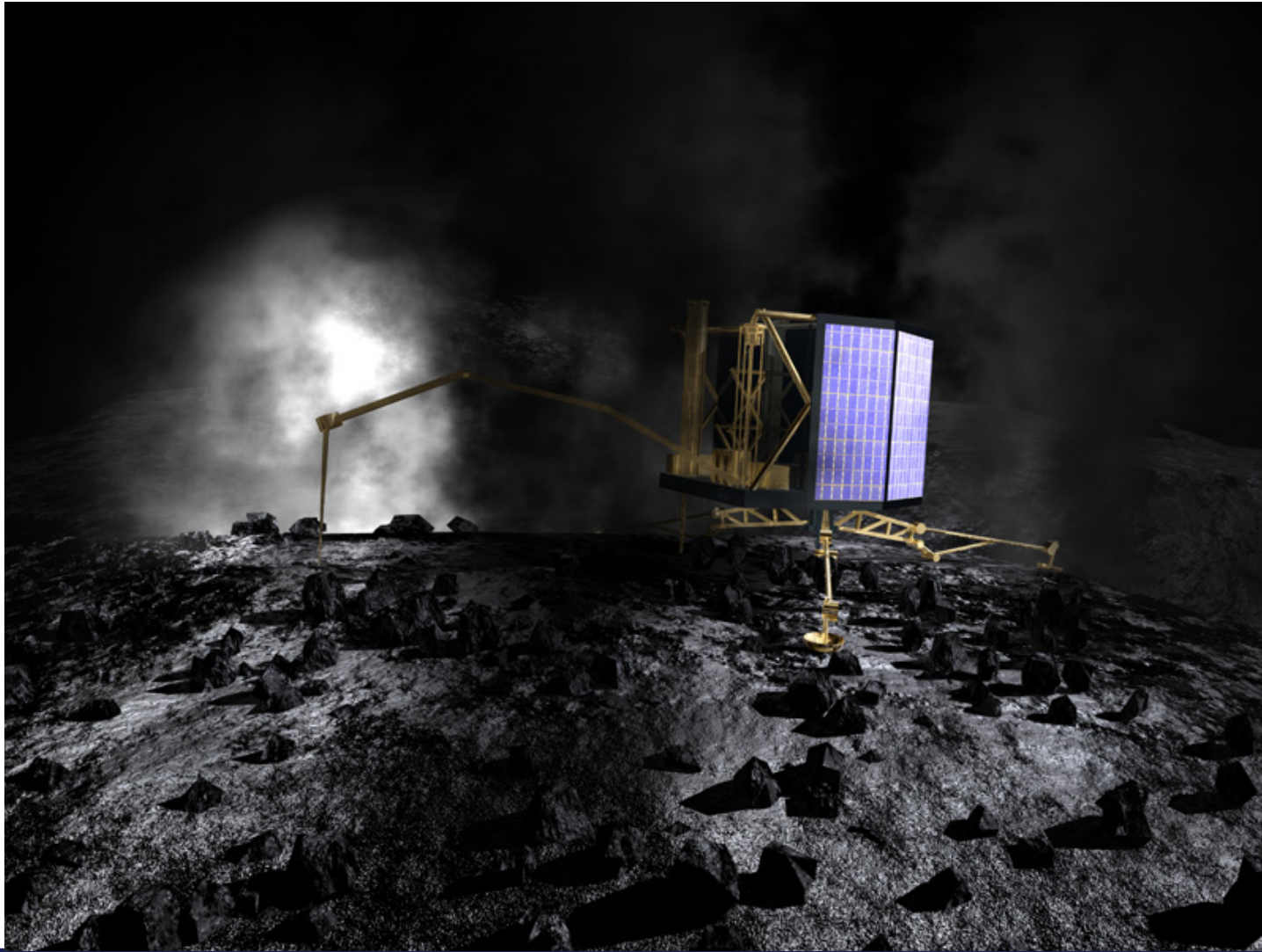
68 m², 32m long, 22750 cells, from 8700 W close to Earth down to 440 W far away

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November 2014 Comet Landing



Rosetta Science Payload

Orbiter Teams

- 1. *ALICE - UV spectrometer 
- 2. CONSERT – tomography/radio sounding
- 3. **COSIMA – chemistry** 
- 4. GIADA – dust analysis
- 5. *IES - ion and electron sensor 
- 6. IPA – plasma analyzer
- 7. MAP – magnetometer
- 8. MIDAS – atomic force
- 9. MIP – magnetic impedance probe 
- 10. *MIRO - microwave spectrometer/radiometer
- 11. LAP – Langmuir probe
- 12. **OSIRIS – camera** 
- 13. *ROSINA – mass spectrometer 
- 14. **RSI – radio science** 
- 15. **VIRTIS – IR spectrometer** 

Lander Teams

- 16. APXS – X-ray spectrometer, similar to that of Mars Pathfinder
- 17. CIVA -lander visible - IR camera (omnidirectional)
- 18. COSAC – lander mass spectrometer
- 19. MODULUS – gas analyzer
- 20. MUPUS – probe
- 21. ROLIS – lander descent camera
- 22. ROMAP – lander magnetometer/material magnetism
- 23. SESAME – seismic data
- 24. CONSERT (2) – tomography/radio sounding

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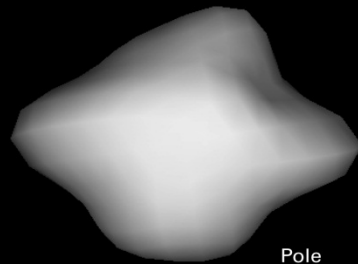
US hardware contribution

US investigation contribution

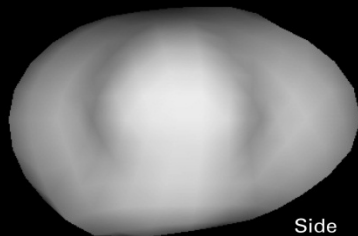


The Target: Comet Churyumov-Gerasimenko

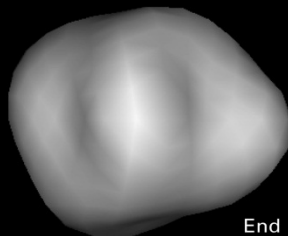
3-D reconstruction of nucleus based on March 12, 2003 Hubble Space Telescope observations



Pole



Side



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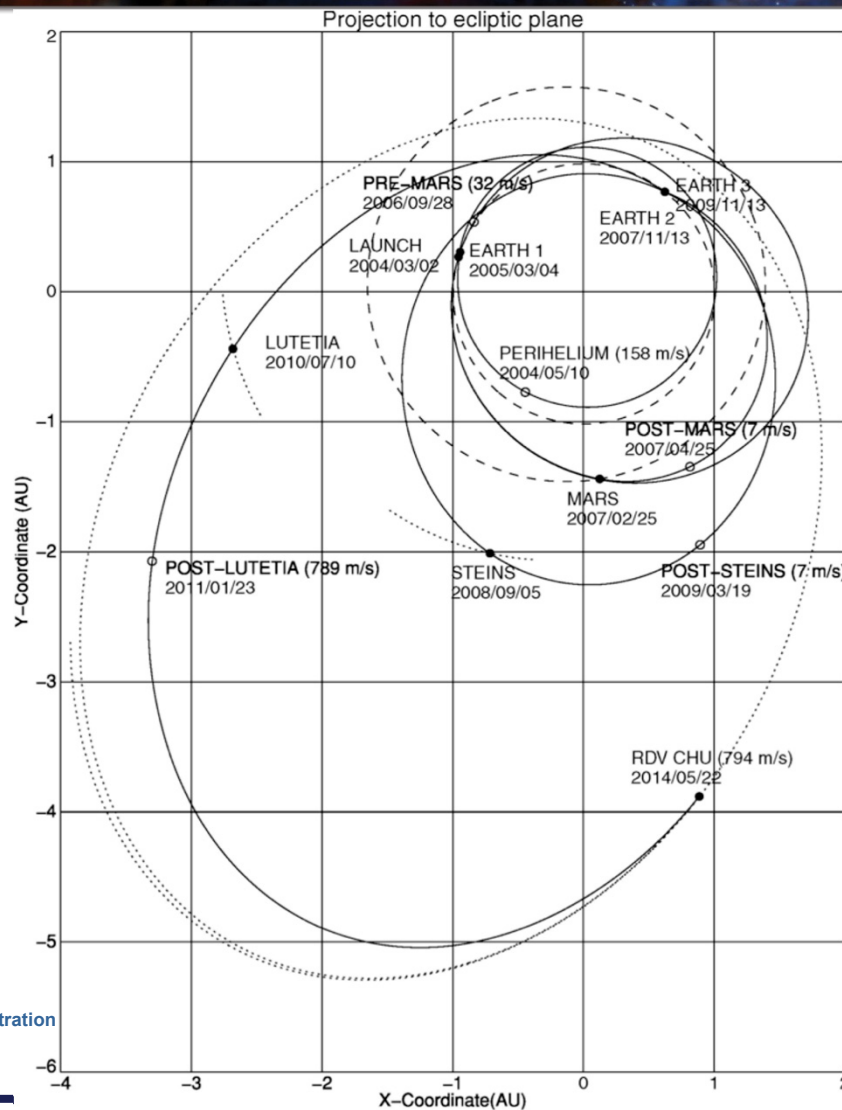
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- **Characteristics:**

- Radius: 2.0 km
- Rotation: 12.5 h
- unknown topography and surface properties
- temperatures
 - day ~ -50 ° C
 - night ~ -150 ° C
- solar energy <1/10 of that near Earth
- gravity <10⁻⁵ g



Rosetta Trajectory



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Science Targets to date

Venus

MIRO April 1, 2004

Earth and Moon

MIRO April 24, 2004

Alice and MIRO..... March 4, 2005

Comet LINEAR

Alice and MIRO..... April 30, 2004

Alice and MIRO.....May 14, 2004

Comet Catalina

MAG and LAPJune 26, 2005

Comet Tempel 1

AliceJune 27 – July 14, 2005

MIROJune 28 – July 14, 2005

Mars

Alice and IES Feb 25 – March 4, 2007

Jupiter

AliceFeb 27 – May 2007

Asteroid 2867/Steins Sept 3 – 2008

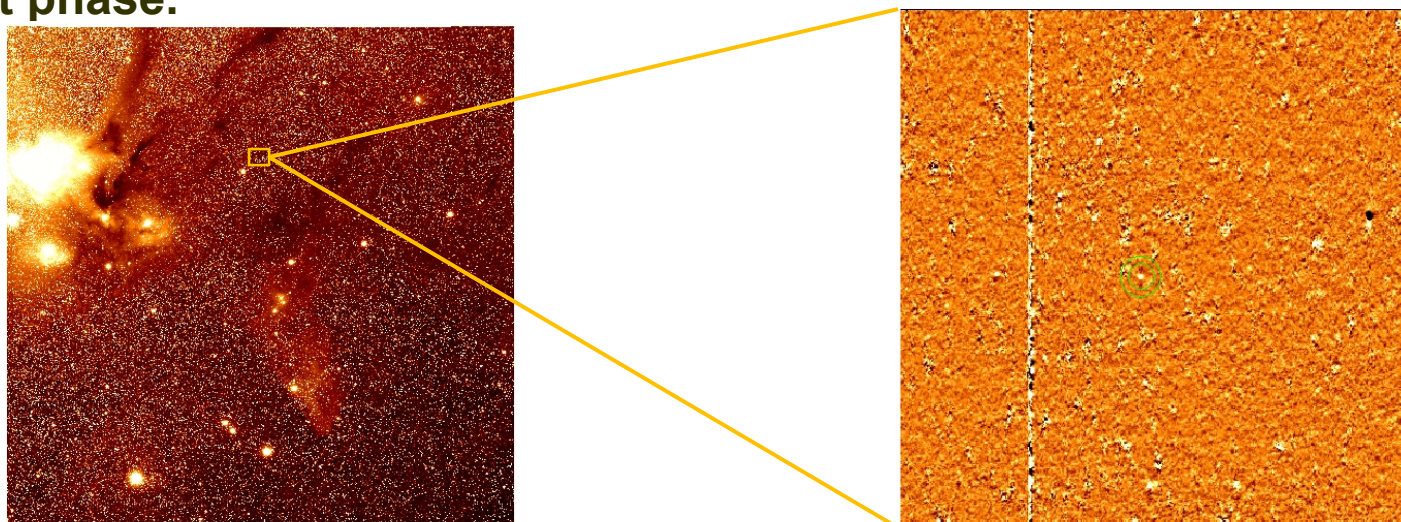
Asteroid 21/Lutetia July 10, 2011

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C-G image from Rosetta

This is the most recent picture from Rosetta. Both NAVCAMs were activated to image the comet and the sky that will be seen during the approach phase. The spacecraft downlinked the images acquired by the two cameras: OSIRIS and the NAVCAMs in preparation for the comet phase.

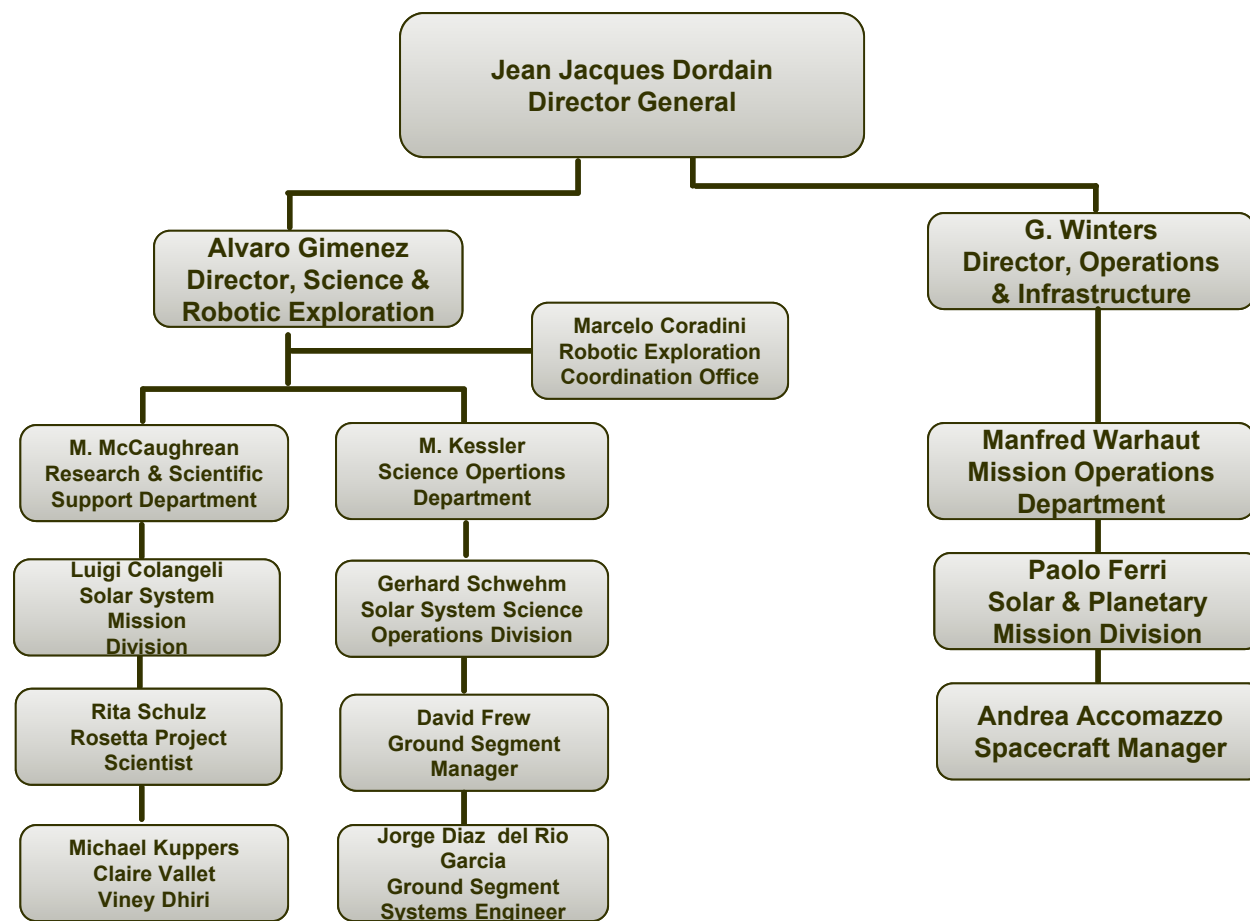


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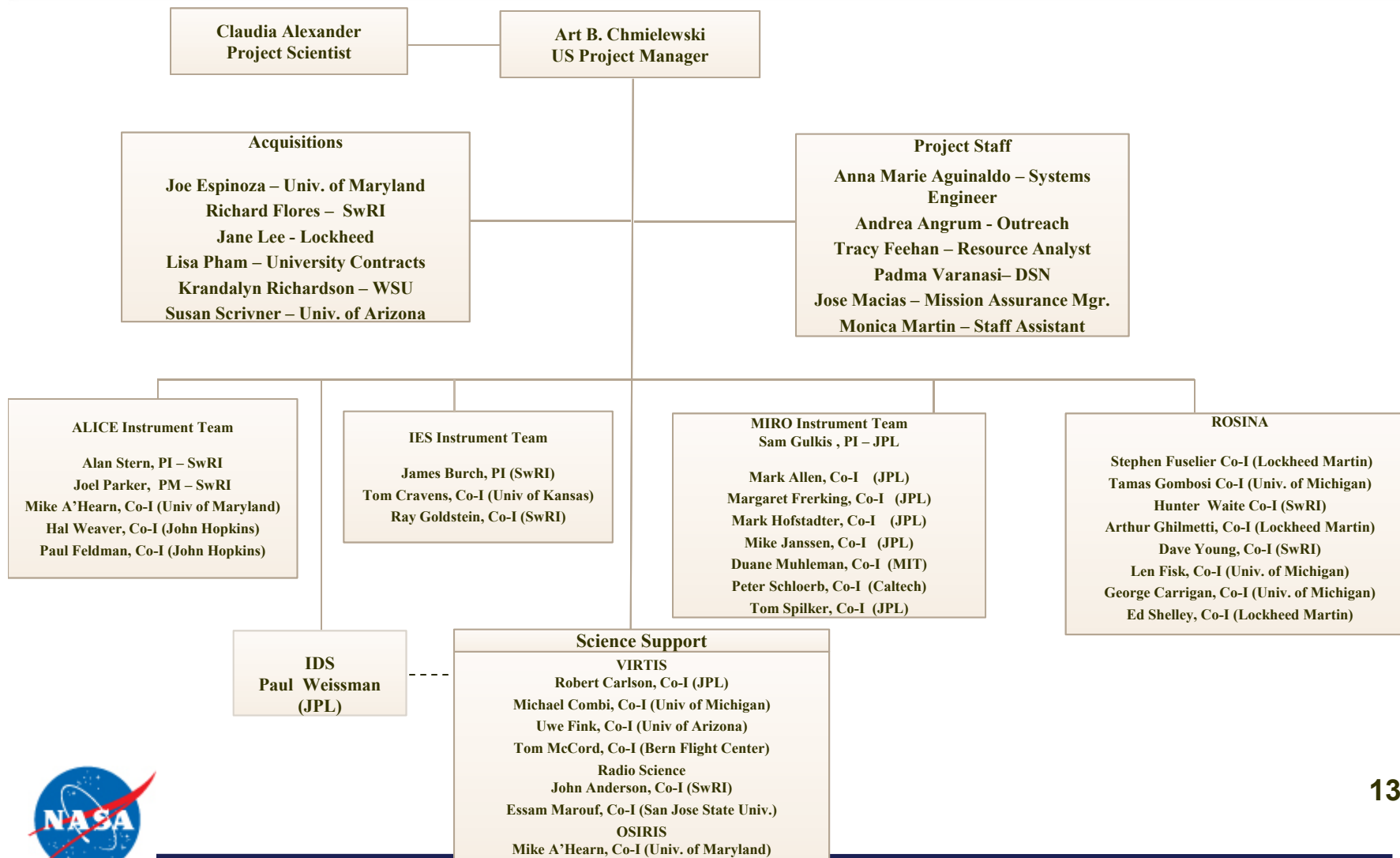
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ESA Reporting Chain for Rosetta



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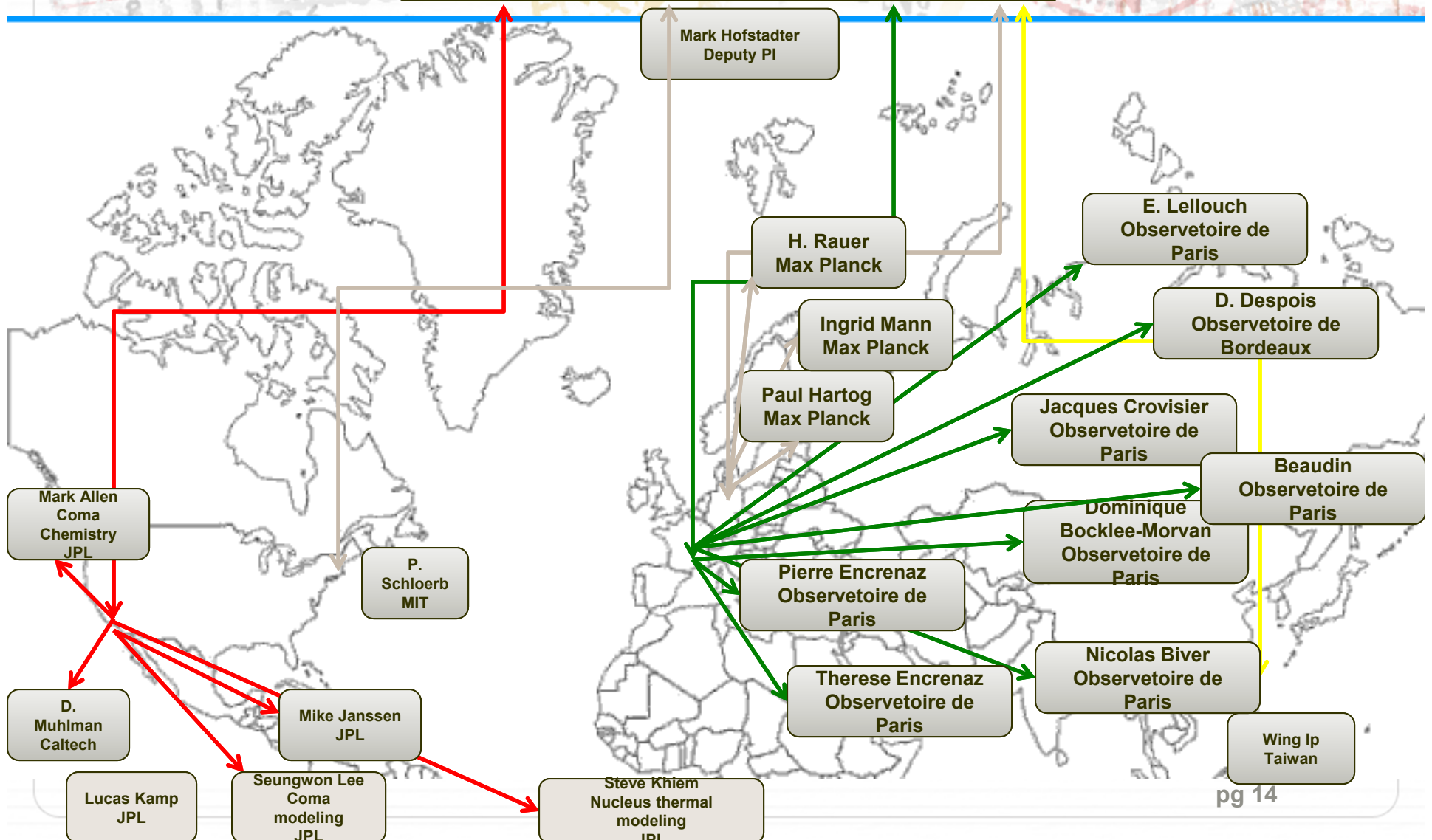


MIRO Organization Exemplifies International Nature of Rosetta



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NASA International Mission Management Lessons

▪ ITAR

- Important to write a good LOA up-front and cover future issues
- Staff must be well trained in export controls
- Access to knowledgeable advisors
- Find ways of sharing information

▪ If you are a junior partner, behave like one

- Always give credit to the senior partner
- Do not try to impose your processes, methods and bureaucracy
- Don't be a burden with knowledge, reporting, reviews

▪ If you are a senior partner use junior's expertise

▪ DSN gives new capability to any partner



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NASA International Mission Management Lessons

- **ESA's has more decentralized management authority than NASA**
 - Mission funding comes from different countries
 - Mission functionality is divided among many countries
 - Ground segment - Madrid
 - Operations - Darmstadt
 - Project Scientist – Noordwijk
 - Antenna – Madrid
 - Instruments – Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Great Britain
 - Archiving – Paris
- **Get used to lots, and lots of emails, no phone**
- **Get used to meetings that start at midnight**
- **Develop relationships and trust**



NASA Science Management Lessons from Rosetta

- **Flexible PI and Co-I selection process needed for long duration missions**
 - Over a decade scientists' interests change
 - New superstars appear on the research horizon
 - Need an easy system for updating the science team membership

- **Funds don't cross the water**
 - Must have budget reserves that allow flexibility with foreign PI's
 - Continuous effort to align the US scientists with their ESA PI's

- **Great benefit to NASA from access to 100% Rosetta data despite 10% budget contribution**



Conclusion

- **NASA decided to participate in the Rosetta mission a decade ago, but it fulfills recommendations for the next decade:**
 - Low cost (to NASA)
 - International cooperation
 - Visiting a small primitive body
 - Exciting, challenging objectives

